

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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| FRED PORTIS and BEVERLY PORTIS, | ) |                                  |
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| Plaintiffs,                     | ) |                                  |
|                                 | ) |                                  |
| v.                              | ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:06-CV-926-MEF |
|                                 | ) |                                  |
| STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY    | ) |                                  |
| COMPANY,                        | ) |                                  |
|                                 | ) |                                  |
| Defendant                       | ) |                                  |

**NOTICE CONCERNING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AND MEDIATION**

COMES NOW the Plaintiff and provides the following concerning the settlement conference:

- 1) The two parties engaged in settlement negotiations within the prescribed period, wherein the case was very close to settling.
- 2) During this time, the Plaintiff, Fred Portis, suffered a stroke and ultimately passed away.
- 3) Needless to say, this occurrence halted all settlement talks.
- 4) The Plaintiff and the Defendant firmly believe that a settlement can be reached fairly easily in this matter, once Mrs. Portis has been given a little bit of time to settle down.
- 5) Both parties firmly believe that mediation is not necessary in this case and that settlement will be reached very soon.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

/s/ Jacob Fuller

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to

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